

(2) diseases that have a significant and adverse impact on the quality of life of individuals diagnosed with them;

Whereas studies have indicated that psoriasis may cause as much physical and mental disability as other major diseases, including—

- (1) cancer;
- (2) arthritis;
- (3) hypertension;
- (4) heart disease;
- (5) diabetes; and
- (6) depression;

Whereas studies have shown that psoriasis is associated with elevated rates of depression and suicidal ideation;

Whereas citizens of the United States spend between \$2,000,000,000 and \$3,000,000,000 to treat psoriasis each year;

Whereas early diagnosis and treatment of psoriatic arthritis may help prevent irreversible joint damage;

Whereas treating psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis presents a challenge for patients and health care providers because—

- (1) no single treatment works for every patient diagnosed with the disease;
- (2) some treatments lose effectiveness over time; and
- (3) all treatments have the potential to cause a unique set of side effects;

Whereas, although safer and more effective treatments are now more readily available, many people do not have access to them; and

Whereas Congress as an institution, and the members of Congress as individuals, are in a unique position to help raise public awareness about the need for increased access to effective treatment options for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

- (1) recognizes—
 - (A) the need for enhanced public awareness of psoriasis;
 - (B) the adverse impact that psoriasis can have on people living with the disease; and
 - (C) the importance of an early diagnosis and proper treatment of psoriasis;
- (2) supports the continuing leadership provided by the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Director of the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases for identifying a cure and developing safer, more effective treatments for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis; and
- (3) encourages—
 - (A) researchers to examine the negative psychological and physical effects of psoriasis to better understand its impact on those who have been diagnosed with the disease; and
 - (B) efforts to increase access to treatments and care that individuals living with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis need and deserve.

PROVIDING FUNDING AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE THE EVACUATION OF PERSONS FROM LEBANON

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I ask that the Chair lay before the Senate a message from the House to accompany S. 3741.

The Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the House as follows:

S. 3741

Resolved, That the bill from the Senate (S. 3741) entitled "An Act to provide funding authority to facilitate the evacuation of persons from Lebanon, and for other purposes", do pass with the following amendment:

Strike subsection (a) of section 1, and insert the following new subsection (a):

(a) *INCREASE IN AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATIONS.*—Notwithstanding the transfer restrictions under section 402 of the Science, State, Justice, Commerce, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (Public Law 109-108), the second proviso under the headings "DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED AGENCY—DEPARTMENT OF STATE—ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS—DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS" is amended by striking "\$4,000,000" and inserting "\$19,000,000".

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 4 AND H.R. 5970

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, I understand there are two bills at the desk due for a second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bills by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4) to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes.

A bill (H.R. 5970) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar under the provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceedings en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Without objection, the bills will be placed on the calendar.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2006

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the leader, I have been asked to ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired and the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate resume consideration of S. 3711 as under the previous order, with the time until the vote equally divided, with the Senate to stand in recess from 12:30 to 2:15 to accommodate the weekly policy luncheons.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SPECTER. On behalf of the leader, I state that today we continued debate on the Gulf Coast Energy Security bill and invoked cloture, 72 to 23. Senators wishing to speak on the bill should come to the floor tomorrow. The vote on passage will occur at 5 p.m. tomorrow. Senators are reminded that we have a great deal of work to complete before the August recess, and Members should expect a full week with late nights possible all week.

I thank my colleagues again for their cooperation as we wrap up important legislative priorities.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SPECTER. On the leader's wrap-up, this is inconsistent with morning business, but the leader says: If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

May the record show that the Presiding Officer is smiling.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:19 p.m., adjourned until Tuesday, August 1, 2006, at 9:45 a.m.